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Examining Group 2811

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Katsuhiko HIEDA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/469,190

Filed: December 21, 1999

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Vu, Hung K.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 11, 2003, with a period for response extending through June 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

According to the Examiner, claims 1 – 10, 15, and 17 – 30 are pending, with claims 1 – 10, 15, 17, 18, and 20 – 30 withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a nonelected invention.

The Examiner again only examined claim 19 on the merits in the Final Office Action.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Examiner withdrew claims 1 – 9, 17, 18, and 20 on September 13, 2001; withdrew claim 19 on March 27, 2001; and withdrew claims 1 – 10, 15, 17, 18, and 20 – 30 on September 24, 2002. The Examiner reinstated claim  
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